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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Arntzen et al.

Application No.: 09/129,298

Group Art Unit: 1649

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For: THE USE OF MIXED DUPLEX  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES TO  
EFFECT LOCALIZED GENETIC  
CHANGES IN PLANTS

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 15, 2000, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit herewith (a) a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time for Response for three months from June 15, 2000 up to and including September 15, 2000, accompanied by the appropriate fee; and (b) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 28-30 and 50-53 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 8-27 are currently pending and under active consideration. Claims 28-30 and 50-53 have been canceled due to their withdrawal from consideration in view of a restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in one or more related applications.

No new matter is added by these amendments.